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16 July 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR POLICY COORDINATION

SUBJECT: Invitation to Members of the Psy War Branches
of the Military Services.

1. In the past few months, certain CIA personnel holding reserve commissions have served their two weeks' active duty with the office of Psy War Special Staff, Department of the Army.
2. These contacts have aided the officers involved in maintaining their Reserve status and, in turn, have been beneficial to CIA in improving working relationships with the Department of the Army. Many of the sources of misunderstanding that exist between CIA and General McClure's staff have been brought into focus by these working arrangements.
3. One of the fundamental barriers to good working relationships appears to be a lack of understanding of the concepts of the problem, the respective missions, the organization and even the terminology of the other party. The two weeks' duty periods in Psy War by CIA personnel have aided materially in dissolving misunderstanding and in improving the general developments of working relations. However, the members of General McClure's organization feel, with some merit, that they are making the whole effort to cooperate while CIA holds back, giving nothing in return.
4. It is suggested that this principle of personnel exchange be extended by CIA to the Psy War branches of the Departments of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force. It is proposed that these officers be accepted at the rate of one each from each of the services for a maximum period of two weeks. The nature of the information to which they would have access can be carefully controlled, yet they would be able to sit down with members of War Plans Division and work out problems common to their respective organizations and CIA. "Graduates" of this student exchange process will be a source of qualified members from the services to sit on the proposed Ad Hoc CIA/JCS Committee. A list of type subject matter to be presented to these officers is attached.

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5. It is recognized that this presents a security problem. However, this was discussed with Colonel Sheffield Edwards, Security Officer/CIA, who stated that the JCS and/or respective service "Top Secret" clearance for the Psy War representatives will be satisfactory. Upon approval of this plan, Security Officer/CIA, will assist in solving any additional security problems and provide a temporary building pass.

6. It is therefore recommended that the principle of inviting officers of the Psy War branches of the three services to accept brief tours of assignment in CIA be approved and that the attached memorandum to General Balmer be signed and dispatched. It is suggested that, if the initial exchange appears beneficial to the services, this procedure be established informally on a continuing basis.

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Chief, War Plans Division

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1. Proposed Outline of subject matter, etc., Secret
2. Memo to Gen. Balmer for ADPC's signature, Secret

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